

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Status of the Claims

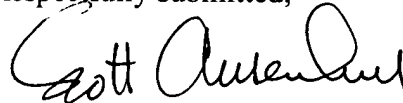
Upon entry of this preliminary amendment, claims 2-59 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 60-77 introduced. The new claims find support throughout the specification including, for example, the following sections: page 4, lines 1-4; page 31, line 16 to page 33, line 21; page 39, line 34 to page 41, line 2; and original claims 34 and 35. These new claims fall within Group VII of the restriction requirement from parent application 09/428,156.

II. Amendments to the Specification

The specification has simply been amended to add a cross-reference section that sets forth the priority claim to parent application 09/428,156. This amendment adds no new matter.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,



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